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Art Unit	1626
Examiner Name	Shameem
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 04/09/2003 CNGUYEN 00000136 09700452
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02 FC:1253 930.00 OP
- iii. ☒ Other ANY DEFICIENCY IN FEES
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 which is filed in response to the final Office action of May 02, 2002. For further prosecution, kindly enter and consider the following preliminary amendment and remarks:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claim 7 and enter new Claims 8 to 14 as set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix II.